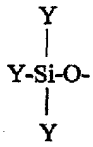
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is shown below in sequential listing. Claims being amended in this paper include markings indicating changes that have been made relative to the prior version. These changes are shown by a strikethrough for deleted matter and underlining for added matter. No accompanying clean version is supplied. The text of pending claims not being currently amended that are under examination are shown in clean version in the listing.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing silicone particles where said method comprises emulsifying and reacting a composition comprising

(I) a siloxane oligomer or polymer having units of



where each Y is independently selected from

O (oxygen radicals);

R': an alkyl group with 1 to 30 C atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 15 carbon atoms, an alkaryl group having 6 to 15 carbon atoms, and an aralkyl group having 6 to 15 carbon atoms;

Z: a reactive group selected from epoxy-functional groups or chlorohydrin functional groups;

Z': a functional group that reacts with epoxy-functional groups or chlorohydrin functional groups and~~(i.e. amine, hydroxyl)~~;

F: a functional group other than Z or Z', ~~and~~

~~O (oxygen radicals);~~

with the proviso that at least 50 mol% of the Y groups in the siloxane are R', and there are at least two Z and/or Z' groups in the siloxane;

(II) a crosslinker wherein said crosslinker contains Z and/or Z' groups with the proviso that when Y in siloxane (I) contains Z groups, the crosslinker contains Z' groups; when Y in siloxane (I) contains Z' groups, the crosslinker contains Z groups; and when Y in siloxane (I) contains Z and Z' groups, the crosslinker contains Z groups, Z' groups or both;

(III) at least one emulsion liquid;

(IV) a surfactant; and

(V) an active ingredient selected from sunscreens, fragrances, vitamins, drugs, antiperspirant salts, and α-hydroxy acids.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein in siloxane (I) there are at least two Z' groups and the crosslinker (II) contains Z groups.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein in siloxane (I) there are at least two Z groups and the crosslinker contains (II) Z' groups.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein R' is a methyl group.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the Z' group is an amine group and Z is an epoxy group.

9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 3 wherein Z epoxy group and Z' is an amine group.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein siloxane (I) and crosslinker (II) are present in an amount to provide a ratio reactive sites in Z to Z' in a range of 0.1:1 to 1.5:1.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the ratio in the range of 0.2:1 to 0.5:1.

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the ratio in the range of 0.25:1 to 0.35:1.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein siloxane (I) and crosslinker (II) are present in an amount so that the silicone particle comprises 0.1 to 80 wt. % of the composition.

14. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 where the emulsion liquid is water.

15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 14 wherein water comprises 1 to 99.8 wt. % of the composition.

16. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of 0.1 to 40 wt. % of the composition.

17. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the active ingredient is present in an amount of 10 to 50 wt. % of the composition.

18. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the active ingredient is a sunscreen.

19. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the active ingredient is a fragrance.

20. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the active ingredient reacts with the siloxane (I) and/or crosslinker (II).

21. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a first mixture comprising (II) and (V) is combined with a second mixture comprising (I), (III) and (IV) the combined mixture is thereafter emulsified and reacted.

22. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature in the range of 25°C to 150°C.

23. (Currently Amended) A silicone particle produced by emulsifying and reacting a composition comprising

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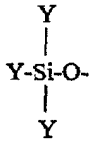

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